

with the County Attorney. I think it is very important.

SENATOR MARSH: I believe that is correct, sir.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, would you check to be sure? I'm trying to read this through and I believe I read where he can file a complaint, he or she, with the County Attorney, but I appreciate it---

SENATOR MARSH: But not now.

SENATOR PROUD: No, I'm talking about under your bill. Well, let's assume unless you find out differently that that person can file a complaint with the County Attorney. I believe the bill does provide that but I don't have my finger on it at the moment. Now, let me ask you further. If this is so--

SENATOR MARSH: I understand that the Commission does the filing with the County Attorney.

SENATOR PROUD: That the person himself--

SENATOR MARSH: Page 5, where do you find the person doing it? The County Attorney is, the County Attorneys are granted the authority to enforce this act.

SENATOR PROUD: I'm getting a little help over here. It says the County Attorneys are granted the authority to enforce this act and shall possess the same powers and duties of the Commission. If a complaint is filed with the County Attorney, then no complaint shall be filed with the Commission, therefore, I presume that the complainant can file a complaint directly with the County Attorney.

SENATOR MARSH: They cannot at the present time.

SENATOR PROUD: Under this bill.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes.

SENATOR PROUD: Under this bill then the complainant can file a complaint with the County Attorney. Now, also, as I read the bill, the complainant, the person who alleges he's been discriminated against, rather than go to the County Attorney, can file a complaint with the Commission, is that correct?

SENATOR MARSH: I do not know and I--

SENATOR PROUD: Well, I think that's awfully important. We're talking about what this bill does and what it doesn't do. The way I read--

SENATOR MARSH: I can't even find out if we don't get it on general file, can I?

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Senator, it's your bill, it's not mine. I have to assume that the person who sponsors a bill knows what's in it, at least, they hold me responsible when I sponsor a bill for knowing what's in that bill. Now, I think you will find in here that that person can file a complaint with the Commission. Well, my objection to this thing is that it's allright to file a complaint with the County Attorney because he's elected by the people. But these commissioners are appointed by somebody I assume, that they are not elected by the people,

SENATOR MARSH: You're right.

SENATOR PROUD: And so, if you have a commissioner who's in charge of this thing, who has an axe to grind, he can take this complaint, he apparently can subpoena witnesses, he can compel the attendance of the person being complained against and I think that's granting entirely too much authority to an appointed official. If a person can go down and file their